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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING RISK OF MORTALITY DUE TO CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE USING PHYSIOLOGIC SENSORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 4, 2004, the Examiner identified five patentably distinct species. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants elect Species 1: a method of calculating VR according to equation 5 of the specification. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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